

# SHOW TUNES

## Soldiers perform in McCain event Tuesday

Armando Velazquez Jr.  
junior staff writer

The seats of McCain Auditorium were filled Tuesday night with soldiers and their families for the Soldier Show.

Soldiers auditioned, trained and rehearsed for the singing and dancing show, which now tours and performs all across the world. Twenty-two soldiers ranging from the ranking of private first class to captain were picked for the show.

The Solider Show started in 1918 and was influenced by Irving Berlin, a famous songwriter. Berlin was a songwriter who was drafted into the U.S. Army and only played in F sharp. The Soldier Show has been at K-State for 15 years.

Sgt. 1st Class Earnest Baskin said every show is different and has a new cast. Soldiers are not permitted to consecutively participate in the show but can re-audition after a year. These soldiers perform more than 100 shows a season. The show consisted of a compilation of music from country to hip-hop to gospel.

K-State student Anna Gibson said the show was exciting from beginning to end, from the Miley Cyrus piece, "Party In The USA," to the Jay-Z and Alicia Keys song, "New York." However, she said her favorite part of the show was the original piece, "We're Going To Make It."

Each year the cast of the Soldier Show is asked to write an original piece for the show. This year's song, "We're Going to Make It," was inspired by comprehensive soldier fitness and the five dimensions of strength: physical, emotions, social,



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**Pfc. Andrew Enriques** dances with **Cpl. Kristen Spears** in rendition of Irving Berlin's "Cheek to Cheek" in the Soldier Show at McCain Auditorium on Tuesday night. The show features soldiers, who travel across the country for performances.

family and spiritual.

Also performed at the show was a tribute to Michael Jackson.

Spc. Joeneyce Cunningham, the only Fort Riley

soldier performing in the show, said she is a very family and church-oriented soldier who loves her country and chose to audition for the show because she

loves to sing.

In her program biography Cunningham wrote, "People automatically

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## K-State awarded \$147M to fund research projects



**Andy Gregory**, graduate student in biology, works on a project dealing with prairie chicken population genetics. K-State received \$147.6 million in research funding for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, an increase from the year before.

Nathaniel LaRue  
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University receives a record 953 awards for 2009-2010 fiscal year

Sam Diederich  
staff writer

K-State continues to move toward President Kirk Schulz's goal of becoming a Top 50 research university in the next 15 years, receiving a record high in research funding during the 2009 to 2010 fiscal year.

According to the K-State Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, the university received more than \$147.6 million in research funding from 953 different awards, surpassing the \$133.6 million awarded during the 2008 to 2009 year. K-State has seen increases in research funding

in each of the last two years, despite a difficult economic landscape.

"I think these are especially difficult times economically," said Ron Trewyn, vice president for research. "Our faculty is to be commended for stepping up to the challenge."

Paul Lowe, assistant vice president for research, said the increases in funding are important early steps toward becoming a premier research university.

"It continues to move Kansas State up the status charts in terms of being a research university," Lowe said. "This surely is a start, and it is a substantial increase."

Faculty members across all academic departments of the university completed for

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## Driver arrested after passenger death



Photo Courtesy of Kody Krier

Sophomore **Megan Will** died in a car crash early Sunday morning. Will was the passenger. Police arrested **Dustin Ringle**, the driver.

Man convicted of driving under influence of alcohol in 2007 incident

collegian staff

Salina resident Dustin Ringle, 25, was arrested yesterday and is being held in the Saline County Jail, after his involvement in the accident that killed Meghan Will, sophomore in business administration.

Detective Matt Fischer of the Saline County Sheriff's office said Ringle was booked on the charges of involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence, felony DUI, driving while suspended, driving left of center, unsafe speed and no seatbelt.

The accident happened in the Salina area early Sunday morning when Ringle lost control of his vehicle.

Deputy Bernie Hoesli of the Saline County Sheriff's Office said the vehicle was northbound on Ohio Street when it veered

into a ditch and hit a culvert on the west side of the 2600 block. The car became airborne and spun 180 degrees.

Hoesli said first responders pronounced Will, the only other passenger in the vehicle, dead at the scene of the accident, which occurred at 2:05 a.m.

Ringle was transported to Salina Regional Health Center. Hoesli said Ringle was treated for a mild traumatic brain injury and Ringle was released on Monday.

Fischer said both alcohol and excessive speed are suspected factors in the crash.

According to Salina Municipal Court documents, in 2007, Ringle was found guilty of driving while suspended and was also given a diversion for a DUI. He later violated the diversion agreement and was found guilty of DUI.

The Saline County Attorney's Office said Ringle has not been formally charged for Sunday's

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## Rec Fest chance to sample fitness classes

Event featured strength, endurance tests for free, drawings for prizes

Tiara Williams  
staff writer

Radical Rec Fest, held last night at the Peters Recreation Complex, brought tie-dye back in fashion while staff promoted all the Rec had to offer.

Melissa Copp, assistant direct of fitness recreational services, said every semester, the night before group fitness classes start, the center sponsors Rec Fest with a different theme each semester.

With a drawing containing prizes like free canoe and kayak rentals, T-shirts, free cycle classes and free personal training sessions, and a push-up contest containing a prize of a free five-week session of the bootcamp class A.M.P.E.D., students and Rec members had reason to stick around from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Also provided was personal training testing, which included body-mass-index readings, push-up strength test, sit-up endurance and flexibility.

The Rec set up 15-minute sessions of the group fitness classes in different rooms and areas so people could preview them.

"Tonight they can try a variety of classes and get the feel for the future," said Molly Emert, group fitness teacher and fall 2009 K-State graduate. "This is especially



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**Kayla Zimmerly** (right), freshman in nutrition science, and **Mary Bell** (left), graduate student in financial therapy, try out a class offered at Peters Recreation center during Rec Fest on Tuesday night. The event featured shortened group fitness classes for people to try.

great for freshmen and transfer students to see what the Rec offers."

Freshman in nutrition sciences, Kayla Zimmerly, said "Armz & Abz" in the East Multi-purpose Room was alright. She wanted to try out the class because she plans to take some and wanted to know what interested her. Zimmerly said the 15-minute session was good because she was not out of breath but still got a feel for what it would be like.

One example class was "Cardio Funk." It started with two warm-up songs and then three routines based on hip-

hop, Latin and salsa styles of dance.

Janelle Williams, Jardine staff member, said she liked the high energy. Williams said she came to Rec Fest because it was the only way to get her freshmen students in the Guide to Personal Success program, or GPS, to go.

"My friends did the cycling and felt the burn," said Emily Boardman, senior in public health nutrition and treasurer of Sensible Nutrition and Body Image Choices. "It would be fun to actually participate; I wish I could do some classes, but I love supporting S.N.A.C."

Boardman, along with a number of other representatives, stood beside stands promoting their organizations, including intramurals, K-State Challenge Course, Sexual Health Awareness Peer Educators, and Lafene Health Center, to those who attended the event.

"I think this is one of the biggest Rec Fests we have had in a long time," Copp said. "We had really good involvement from the student staff as well."

Copp said she is excited for everything to get started.

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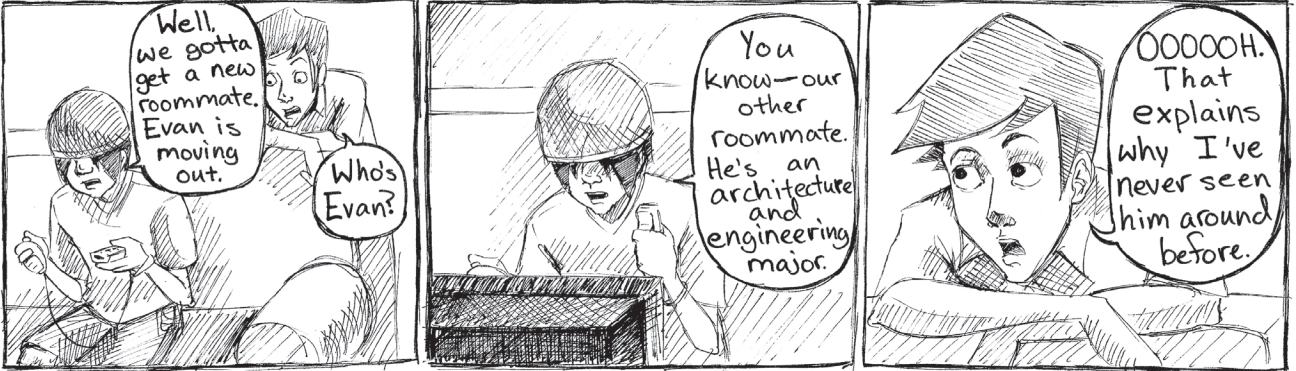
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# Logan’s Run | By Erin Logan



## POLICE REPORTS

Austin Enns  
staff writer

### DRIVER INJURED, TRANSPORTED

A local woman was transported to Mercy Regional Health Center on Monday morning after a traffic collision, according to a Riley County Police Department report.

Janice Adkins, 59, who was driving a 2001 Toyota, was transported to Mercy after complaining of neck pain.

Alicia Schmitt, 24, who was driving a 2002 Dodge Caravan, was the other driver in the collision. The incident occurred at 11:20 a.m. in the 1500 block of Hayes Drive.

### MONDAY RAPE REPORTED

An Ogden woman reported she was raped Monday afternoon, Crosby said.

The alleged rape occurred between 4 and 6 p.m., and the woman was in her mid-20s, according to the RCPD report.

Crosby said the suspect, who was also in his mid-20s, was known to her.

### MAN’S BOND SET AT \$15K

A Topeka man was arrested Monday night on suspicion of three counts of burglary, four counts of criminal damage to property and one count of theft, according to a police report.

Kurtz Poore, 44, had a warrant issued for his arrest on April 22, according to the police report. Crosby said Poore is suspected of stealing from Premiere Car Wash once, of

burglarizing the Dusty Bookshelf twice and of burglarizing Acme Gift once. All charges are for crimes which occurred between October and September of 2009.

Bond was set at \$15,000.

### POLICE: MAN SUSPECTED OF SOLICITING CHILD IN CITY PARK

A local man was arrested Tuesday morning on suspicion of indecent solicitation of a child, according to another police report.

Daniel Weaver, 24, of the 2100 block of Fort Riley Boulevard, was arrested at 3:37 a.m., according to the report. Crosby said Weaver is suspected of soliciting a child Monday in City Park between 6 and 8 p.m.

The mid-teen knew the suspect, according to the report.

Bond was set at \$5,000.

## WEEKLY BLOTTER

### ARREST REPORTS

#### MONDAY

Jacob Matthew Douglas, of Fort Riley, was booked for theft. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Jesse Lee Hewins, of the 2000 block of Gladiola Court, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Kurtz Warren Poore, of Topeka, was booked for burglary, criminal damage to property and theft. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Kennedy Monwell Powell, of

Fort Riley, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

#### TUESDAY

Thomas Michael Quinn, of the 1000 block of Houston Street, was booked for violation of a protective order and criminal trespassing. No bond was set.

Daniel Luke Weaver, of 2100 block of Fort Riley Boulevard, was booked for indecent solicitation of a child. Bond was set at \$5,000.

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# College of Ag’s annual watermelon feed showcases clubs, groups



While waiting for students and faculty to arrive, **Brook Abitz**, senior in agricultural economics, cuts a watermelon for the College of Agriculture’s Watermelon Feed.



**Andrew Mense**, graduate student in grain science (left), and **Nathan Cottingham**, senior in food science, ate some watermelon Tuesday evening at the College of Agriculture’s Watermelon Feed. Harder Farms in Inman, Kan., donated watermelons for the event.

## Associate dean: One of college’s trademarks is involved students

**Danny Davis**  
staff writer

Angela Vesco transferred from Nevada to K-State when her major was cut — which is how she showed up to the College of Agriculture’s Watermelon Feed on Tuesday evening.

Vesco said nothing like the feed happened at her school in Nevada.

“Oh definitely not,” said Vesco, sophomore in animal sciences and industry. “My school with all the budget cuts cut my major.”

Vesco transferred to K-State after hearing her friends talk about the school, she said.

Tuesday’s event is an annual tradition within the college where students, faculty members and alumni socialize.

The tradition of holding a watermelon feed dates back several decades. Professors at the event remembered attending it as students and had no recollection of

the first one.

“It was a very relaxing way for students and faculty to interchange, and new students and old students to find out about different organizations, clubs and activities,” said Michael Dikeman, professor of animal sciences and industry.

Dikeman said the event typically draws a good turnout and it became evident this year’s feed was no different. Merely walking from one booth to another, it was a struggle to avoid bumping into other students on either side.

Brandon Harder, senior in animal sciences and industry, delivered 22 watermelons for the event. Harder Farms, located in Inman, Kan., donates the watermelons, said Justin Hagedorn, junior in equine science and agricultural economics.

The idea behind the event is that students within the college should network with one another, said Don Boggs, associate dean of academic programs in the College of Agriculture. Boggs attended the watermelon feed as well as the Week of Welcome event last week, which was also sponsored by the college.

“That’s kind of one of the trademarks of our college: we get a lot of interaction between students and faculty,” Boggs said. “We really encourage students to get involved; we think it creates a better shot at success, and it helps with their networking.”

Two circles of tables, one within the other, featured information booths of various clubs within the college. Almost every club, out of 35, had a booth, Boggs said.

Usually, students within the college join clubs within their major, he said, but it is not required.

Hagedorn was running the event with the help of volunteers from the Agriculture Council and Executive Team. Clubs also sent representatives to run the club booths, he said.

“It allowed students to see clubs that are available and organizations. That way they can get involved,” Hagedorn said.

Compared to the event last week that featured inflatables and games, the Watermelon Feed served more to inform students as well as welcome students, Boggs said.

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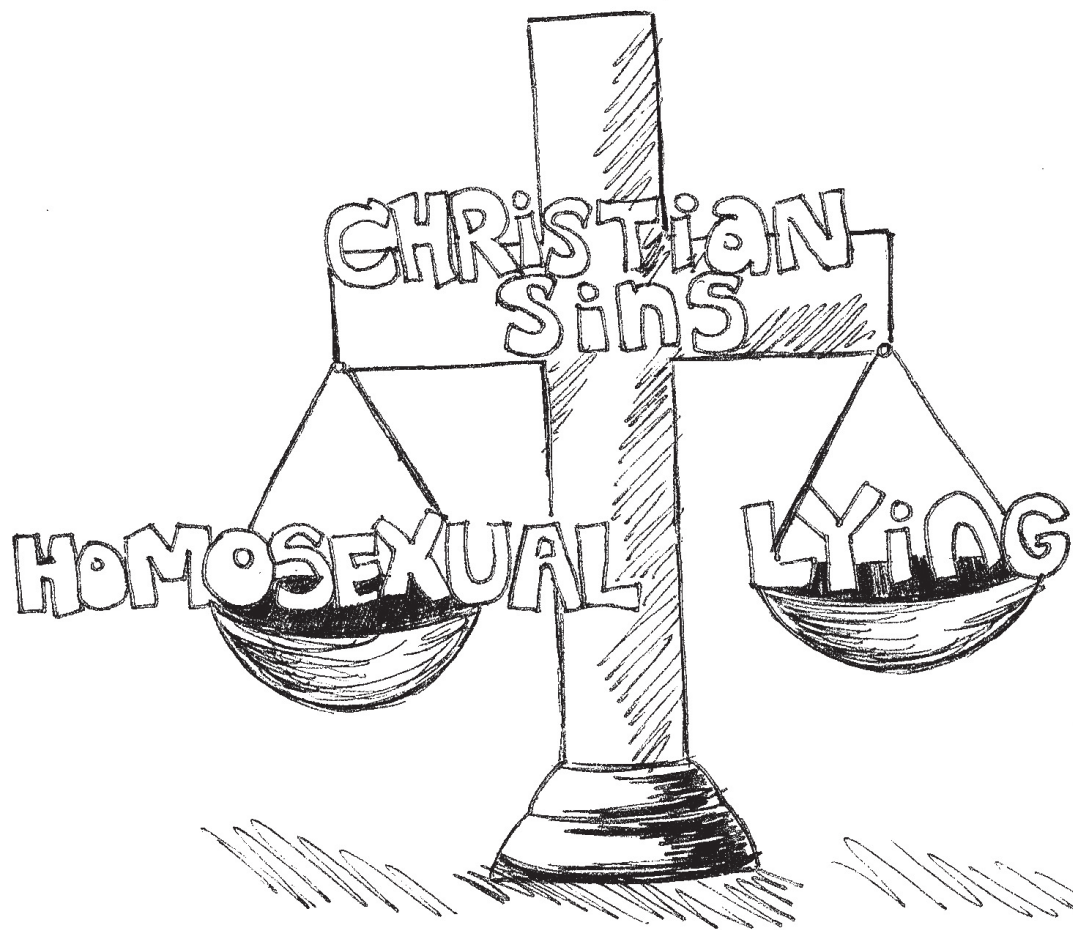


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## Religious values should not vary when hiring



Marshall Frey

Manhattan residents and K-State students alike have been abuzz the past week about the City of Manhattan's proposal to introduce a new city ordinance that would add gender identity and sexual orientation to the protected classes, such as race, national origin and ethnicity. But perhaps what caught my attention the most in the Collegian's Aug. 26 article, "City Debates Sexual Orientation Ordinance," was the quotation from Manhattan Christian College President Kevin Ingram. When addressing the city commission, Ingram said he believed privately owned businesses

should have the chance to consider hiring criteria, such as sexual orientation, based on the organizations' values and purpose as reasons to deny applicants for positions. I understand the reasoning behind this argument. I tend to consider myself strongly Christian conservative. But I think Kevin Ingram's comments last week need to be approached with discretion. Many people who are religious believe homosexuality is a sin, as outlined in the Bible in Leviticus 18:22, but I'm not here to debate that issue. The issue is that if you consider homosexuality a sin, then you would also consider it to have the same eternal consequences that lying, cheating, stealing and premarital sex has. By traditional religious thinking, we are all sinners, as stated in Romans 3:23. I do not see a valid motive to turn away a person who is qualified for a job just because they are homosexual. If you as a Christian business person accept that homosexuality is a sin just as

much as any other, would you fire the rest of your employees because they have sinned in some fashion? I don't think so. In my opinion, these comments seem to be somewhat contrary to the message of Christ. If we, as Christians, truly profess to be missional and evangelical as an aggregate group, then why should we discriminate against people who are homosexual? In God's eyes we are all the same, are we not? Rather, as Christians, we should love those around us, regardless of their life situations, and minister to them. That is what the Bible tells us to do. I am not advocating that we accept the sin, but rather that we accept the sinner, similar to the old saying, "Love the sinner, hate the sin," which we learned in Sunday School. I, myself, profess to be a follower of Christ, but often times find myself frustrated with Christian organizations' attitudes toward others in matters such as this. This case proves no different. If a business is

Christian-based and has Christian values, the message that they send to the people they do business with and interact with should be one of love and service, not of elitism or discrimination. My point is simple: too often, Christians go on tirades against homosexuality when, in God's eyes, homosexuality is no more of a sin than lying or cheating. We need to examine the plank in our own eyes before we try removing the speck out of someone else's. Just because someone is homosexual and does not fit your mold is not an excuse to deny them a job, especially when it provides you with an opportunity to be truly Christian. Instead, we need to be focused on our ministry to that person, regardless of personal struggles. That is what being truly Christian is about. **Marshall Frey is a junior in construction science and management. Please send comments to [opinion@spub.ksu.edu](mailto:opinion@spub.ksu.edu).**

## Make Labor Day holiday one of work to benefit US, self



Hilda L. Solis

For many college students, Labor Day means the end of a summer job or summer fun, the start of a new school year and perhaps the kickoff of the college football season. Historically, Labor Day, which unlike other American holidays does not recognize any particular group, event, individual or battle, celebrates workers and their contributions to our nation. But I think Labor Day is also a time to recognize the struggles of working people. Especially now, when despite significant gains workers and students are feeling more anxiety than festivity. It has taken a lot of work to get the economy headed on a path to recovery. This is not just the responsibility of the labor secretary or leaders in Washington. There is a role for everyone, including college students. Here are a few ways you can help: Expand your circle. Since President Obama has made federal student aid available to unemployed workers, there will be more nontraditional students on campus. From the former auto worker studying to be a nurse, to the single mother who is earning a degree at night or on weekends, there is no such thing as a "typical" college student anymore, as workers re-enter academic institutions of all types to retrain. That's good



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for colleges, very good for workers, and even better for you. Get to know fellow students, especially those who don't exactly look like you. You will never know how you can help each other. Support your peers. You might also see more veterans of every age on campus. Student veteran groups are forming on campuses to provide peer-to-peer networks, sponsor events and activities and make sure that veterans are successful at school, and later, at

work. Learn more about how you can get involved in these efforts at [www.studentveterans.org](http://www.studentveterans.org). You can also help yourself while helping others. Disabled American Veterans, [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org), offers a \$15,000 scholarship for volunteers who provide at least 100 hours of service to local VA Hospitals in a year. This is an excellent way to get experience and build a resume in the many high-growth careers in the health care industry.

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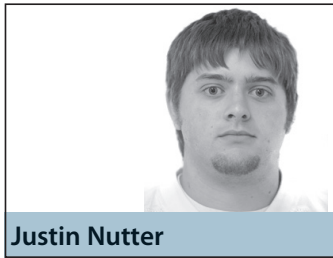
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## Snyder to keep it simple



As the season opener against UCLA draws nearer and starting roles fall into place, how the K-State offense should approach its first opponent becomes more obvious.

It's a principle most of us learned at an early age. It applies to just about anything you can think of, sports or not. Given the circumstances, I'll modify the terminology, but the message remains the same. If the Wildcats want to open the season with a win, they need to "keep it simple, Snyder."

Forgive the bad humor. I'm a sports writer and not a comedian for a reason. But jokes aside, this game seems more winnable by the day, even if head coach Bill Snyder only wants to use a few pages of the playbook. This will likely be the case anyway, as Snyder has a habit of running as basic an offense as possible, but in this particular case, that might be all K-State needs — for several reasons.

Reason one: UCLA's front seven. For those who believe the battle starts in the trenches, this game should have you licking your chops. The Bruins lost their only returning starter on the defensive line when Datone Jones broke his foot in an offseason practice. Their linebacking corps isn't exactly loaded with experience either as Akeem Ayers is the only returning player who started more than one game at that position in 2009.

Reason two: K-State's offensive line. With a front five that is comparable in size to some NFL teams, expect the Wildcats to run the ball early and often. Lining up against a largely inexperienced defense doesn't really hurt matters either. Add Braden Wilson, who proved to be a good blocking fullback last season, and that could mean a huge day for the Wildcats. Nothing against K-State's passing game, but it seems a little risky to test a group of new receivers against a pretty strong secondary if it isn't necessary.

Reason three: Daniel Thomas. Everyone knows what Thomas did last year, so I'll refrain from spouting off a bunch of numbers, but Thomas has made one thing pretty clear this offseason — he's bigger and stronger. That could mean major problems for a team like the Bruins that will be trying to break in numerous defensive starters.

For all intents and purpose, I expect K-State to leave Snyder Family Stadium on Saturday with a 1-0 record. I'm sure Snyder would like to do so without revealing too much of the playbook. Look for K-State to leave with a win and to do so in a simple fashion. Stay tuned.

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# CONTINUING ON



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Head K-State football coach **Bill Snyder** mulls over a question while an assembly of reporters was gathered in the Big 8 room at the Vanier Football Complex for this week's pregame press conference.

## Snyder: Team taking one step at time during season

### K-State to value balanced offense, utilize Thomas

Ashley Dunkak  
sports editor

With the home opener against University of California at Los Angeles nearly here, head coach Bill Snyder's weekly press conference meant a wealth of information that ranged from the progress of specific players to the general approach of the team.

Major topics of discussion included senior quarterback Carson Coffman, who has officially won a second shot at the starting spot this season after losing the position last year. On a broader note, Snyder said while he does not know if the team has developed its identity yet, he is pleased with the progress made and said the one-step-at-a-time mentality

is crucial to the team's success.

Aside from the most entertaining moment of the conference (Snyder being ornery, see K-State Collegian's sports blog at <http://ksucollegiansports.wordpress.com>), Snyder provided insight into offensive balance and how the team plans to use senior running back Daniel Thomas, among other topics.

Snyder said he values balance in an offense. One season at North Texas State, the coach was part of a team which amassed identical amounts of yardage from rushing and receiving. While he is not holding out hope for that, he does want K-State's offense to be multi-faceted. Still, any given game will dictate how much running and passing is done.

Certainly, one facet of the offense is Thomas.

"We don't have a pitch count for him," Snyder said. "There's nothing

that says 16 carries is his limit, or 20, or 50, whatever the number may be. [It's] whatever he can handle, whatever we need."

Thomas scored the designation of Big 12 Newcomer of the Year after last season, and the accolades will not go unnoticed by the defensive coordinators of opposing teams, Snyder said. That Thomas will not be able to sneak up on teams as he did last year makes it more difficult for the team to run him as much as it has and expect to have the same kind of results, Snyder said.

However, Snyder said teams focusing on Thomas could provide other offensive opportunities to the Wildcats. A defense concentrated on Thomas could be one distracted from the other 10 players on the K-State side of the ball.

Coaches and defensive coordinators will have a choice to make:

"Are you willing to weaken the structure of your defense to defend Daniel Thomas? If you are, we've got to find where your weaknesses are, and we're going to pack those areas," Snyder said.

On one last note, K-State recently got a little more depth at the linebacker position; Snyder had good things to say about Tre Walker, the 6-feet-4-inch freshman from Olathe, Kan., who led his team to a 13-0 season capped with a 6A state championship.

"He's pretty elusive, and he's got good, quick moves that will make people miss him," Snyder said. "He has what would be considered a nose for the football. He's been productive, so that's giving him an opportunity to compete for a spot."

All in all, the press conference got people hooked: everyone is ready to see the talk get walked on Saturday.

## Volleyball set for first home match tonight

### Wildcats to take on South Dakota Coyotes

Sam Nearhood  
staff writer

After hardy performances against top-ranked teams last weekend, the K-State volleyball team will bring its vigor back home for a week, starting with a match tonight against the University of South Dakota.

Senior outside hitter Juli-Anne Chisholm said she was glad to finally play in Ahearn Fieldhouse, which has all new seating, again, even after a grueling weekend.

"We're excited to play at home," Chisholm said. "We are excited to play again. Once you get going, it's like you have game fever."

As the Wildcats return from the three-match Chevron Rainbow Wahine Invitational in Honolulu, Hawaii, last weekend, they are looking to make improvements after dropping all three matches. Even so, head coach Suzie Frtiz said her team was well under way.

"I think the overwhelming feeling that we have is that we got better," Fritz said. "I think that we have a very short window of time here to really be able to make the kinds of improvements that we're going to have to make to be able to compete. There's certainly a sense of urgency on our part."

The South Dakota Coyotes also opened their season last weekend, playing a handful of small teams and garnering a 2-2 record thus far. Against K-State (0-3), they are the underdog, having lost both of the previous matchups, including last year's defeat in four sets.

For South Dakota's offense,

Kristin Krittenbrink, the senior outside hitter from Nebraska, seems to be the go-to player. With 115 total swings, freshman setter Tori Kroll sends many looks her way. However, Krittenbrink is currently sitting on a .165 attack percentage with 37 successful hits, numbers that are strong but indicate a lack of reliability. Kroll herself might be worth more attention from K-State; one-third of her sets have scored points for the Coyotes, and she has already racked up 11 kills and four aces in the four matches of last weekend.

Defensively, South Dakota should play pretty solidly. Its libero, sophomore Jill Fields, leads the team in digs per game, but not by much. Krittenbrink sits very close to her, which only increases her danger on the court. However, Krittenbrink does not hold much in the defensive angle of the front row, recording only a few blocks, but a good number are solos. It is sophomore middle blocker Taylor Russell who fills that gap; she has already reached the double digits in assisted blocks, with 10 in the past four matches. However, Russell is less well-rounded than a Coyote supporter might hope, hitting only .122 up front, which could be due to her age.

But K-State's own sophomore middle blocker, Alex Muff, has shown more balance on the court. In the first match of the season against UCLA, Muff recorded five assisted blocks, and then followed up the next two games with hitting percentages of .600 and .316. In the last match, her main opponents on the K-State stat board were Kaitlynn Pelger and Kathleen Ludwig.

Pelger, the true freshman middle blocker, played in the



Tristan McCarty, freshman defensive specialist/libero, digs a ball during a scrimmage at an Aug. 21 football media day in Ahearn Field House. The Wildcats' first home game of the season is scheduled for tonight.

Nathaniel LaRue  
Collegian

three matches thus far, but her profile is sure to change throughout the season, as it does for most freshman. Over last weekend, she made a significant and continual improvement in her attack numbers, going from a -.095 in the opening match to .345 to close the weekend. Ludwig, the established sophomore opposite hitter, recorded .000 against UCLA but rose to .429 on Sunday.

As usual, senior libero Lauren Mathewson has a solid lock on the back row, showcasing her talent as both a defensive anchor and team leader against the top rivals last weekend with a number of digs. She led the boards in all three

matches, netting 11, seven, and 14 digs in the first, second and third matches, respectively. This gives her 3.20 digs per game, a statistic even more impressive considering the talent of the hitters on the opposing side of the net each match. For freshman outside hitter Courtney Traxson — who will be playing her first home match in purple tonight — this match is highly anticipated after a promising weekend away.

"I'm really excited," Traxson said. "We came out in Hawaii and played pretty good, and that was our first time coming out together, so I'm just excited to play again with everybody."

First serve is set for 7 p.m. in Ahearn Fieldhouse.

## Senior sets example in classroom, on foot

### Jack Sachse leads way for cross country team

Marshall Frey  
staff writer

Hot Kansas days with intense humidity can make fall sports practices almost unbearable for student athletes. This is certainly no exception for the K-State men's and women's cross country teams, as they hit the trails in the greater Manhattan area to prepare for the Wichita State Gold Dual this weekend in Wichita, which is the first meet of the season.

Among those runners is K-State senior Jack Sachse, who looks to improve on his solid season last fall. Last season Sachse received several honors relating to his performance on the track as well as the classroom. Sachse, graduate student in counseling and student development with a 4.0 grade point average, was named to ESPN the Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-America Track & Cross Country Team last spring. He was also named a Big 12 All-Academic First Team member in the 2009 season. To compound these accomplishments is the fact Sachse not only runs cross country but also indoor and outdoor track and field.

"From my perspective, being a member of the cross country and track and field teams enhances my academic performance," Sachse said. "Having a daily practice commitment provides structure for the rest of my week."

"It forces me to plan ahead in setting aside time to study.

When a person plans in advance for a particular activity, I think there is a much better chance the task will be completed."

With veteran prowess in the classroom and in the athletic arena, Sachse looks to lead the team in building on its previous season. The Wildcat runners have their sights already set for Stillwater and the Big 12 Championships in late October. Sachse said generally the team's goal is to finish in at least 10th place at the conference meet.

"To some people this may seem like a trivial goal," Sachse said. "However, the Big 12 Conference is extremely tough in cross country, as it is in all sports, and 10th place would be an improvement upon where our team finished the last few years. It would also be a starting point for much bigger accomplishments in the years to come."

This year, the Wildcats should be bolstered by a younger breed of runners on the men's side, with Kansas natives Mitch Loring and Kyle Hanson, who are both juniors this season, leading the charge. Sachse said the talent and dedication of the younger core group of runners has impressed him.

"I think the most apparent thing I have noticed from our team is the commitment from our underclassmen," Sachse said. "Whether we reach our team goal or not will depend largely on the performance of our first- and second-year runners. So far, we have a solid group of young and new runners who have been working tremendously hard in practice."





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**Michael Worely and Fan Zhang** prepare to order their meals Tuesday afternoon at the Mexican restaurant Los Cocos.

## Los Cocos features many choices for Mexican seafood

**Los Cocos**  
★★★★☆  
**Restaurant Review by Tim Schrag**



Los Cocos Mexican Restaurant is located just off of Seth Child Road at 3003 Anderson Ave., but it is definitely off the beaten path, especially since I had not heard of it.

Last Saturday I went to try it out thinking, “Well is this the right place?” because there is little on the outside to identify it, but once I got inside, it was easy to tell I was in the right place. This place popped with its orange walls and Mexican decor.

From the moment I sat down, the waiter was ready to go with drink orders. While I had to stick to Pepsi, some of my friends helped themselves to margaritas. They seemed pretty happy about their decision, too.

Because this is a Mexican restaurant, instead of worrying about an appetizer, I stuck to chips and salsa; they are simple and filling.

When I looked at the menu I noticed one thing right away: seafood, lots and lots of seafood. The restaurant offered all kinds of it from fish tacos to different platters. I struggled deciding what to order, torn between my safety order — chicken enchiladas, the gold standard in my book — and a dish called Enchiladas los Cabos, which is a

shrimp and crab enchilada served in cheese sauce.

I went with the los Cabos, and I’m glad I did. The dish came with some stunning guacamole and the standard fixings. This was a creative dish, and the ingredients were prepared well. It did not taste too “fishy,” and the cheese sauce, while thick, was on the money.

One my friends who went along also got the los Cabos, and I’m pretty sure I heard him say they were the best enchiladas he had ever had.

When dessert came around I discovered the restaurant offers three things: fried ice cream, flan and sopapillas. I had never tried fried ice cream, and I figured since I was trying new things, I should give this a go. It was a smart choice. Topped with whipped cream and a cherry, the ice cream was served in a taco shell with cinnamon sugar and chocolate sauce. The actual fried ice cream also had a cinnamon sugar shell. It was good, incredibly rich, but good nonetheless. I actually ended up sharing it with everyone because it was simply too huge to finish on my own.

I really enjoyed my time at Los Cocos, but I had some trouble hearing my friends across the table from me. I do not think there was much the restaurant staff could have done about it, but I was still disgruntled because the place was borderline annoyingly loud.

Overall, I’m happy to have sought out this place. After taxes, the meal came out to \$14.49, which I think was a fair price for the amount of food I got and the service I received. I suggest checking Los Cocos out.

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# SOME LOCAL FLAVOR



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**Michael Worley**, junior in mechanical engineering, takes a bite of his beef quesadilla Tuesday afternoon at Los Cocos Restaurant, located at 3003 Anderson Ave. The restaurant features various Mexican dishes, including several seafood options for customers to choose from.

## Chicken breasts make quick meals possible for college students

**Tiara Williams**  
staff writer

For people who do not have the luxury of having a meal plan, cooking can be a confusing and expensive task. Some students find recipes too complicated, while others claim that purchasing the ingredients for “real” meals is beyond their means.

Deb Canter, department head in the department of hospitality, management and dietetics, said there are recipes available that might not overwhelm a new cook and shared a few to get students started. The recipes listed use chicken breasts, making it easy for students to buy in bulk then freeze anything not eaten right away.

Canter said grocery stores

have boneless, skinless chicken breasts with four to five in a package in the refrigerated section of the meat area, or students can buy bags of frozen chicken breasts in the freezer section.

“The main thing would be for people to have some basic seasonings on hand,” Canter said.

April Mason, K-State provost and senior vice president, said she gave both her children basic cookbooks like “Joy of Cooking” and “Good Housekeeping” when they moved into apartments.

“Mac and cheese, frozen vegetables, canned fruit, prepared pasta sauces — all these items are quick and easy for students on the go,” she said.

Of course, when all else fails, ramen noodles are always an option.

### Rock-A-Belly Bar and Deli’s Manhattan Chicken Salad

1 1/2 to 2 pounds cooked, diced, boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 5 chicken breasts)  
1/2 cup green onions, chopped  
1/2 cup celery, chopped  
3/4 cup cashews  
Fresh grape halves, either green or red seedless grapes (optional)  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1 cup sour cream  
1 teaspoon dill weed

1 teaspoon black pepper  
1 teaspoon chicken base with a little water to soften  
Salt to taste

Mix together chicken, onions, celery, cashews and grapes. Blend together mayonnaise, sour cream and seasonings. Gently toss with chopped ingredients. Chill. Can be served with salad greens, crackers or bread. Serves 4-6.



### Awesome White Chili

1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
2 medium onions, chopped (about 2 cups)  
2 garlic cloves, chopped (or you can use chopped garlic from a jar found in the produce section)  
2 cans (4 ounces each) chopped green chilies (found in the Mexican food section)  
4 teaspoons ground cumin  
1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano  
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
2 to 3 cans chicken stock or broth (use 3 cans for thinner chili)  
4 cups diced cooked chicken  
3 15-ounce cans Great Northern beans, drained and rinsed  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Grated Monterey Jack cheese and salsa for toppings

First, cook the chicken breasts. Use three or four breasts, depending on their size. Most are 6 to 8 ounces in size. You can either put the chicken in a saucepan and cover with water and

simmer them for about 15 minutes or put them on a grill and grill them for about 4 to 5 minutes on each side. Either way, let the chicken cool slightly then cut it up into bite-sized cubes. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium high heat. When the oil looks shimmery, add the chopped onions and chopped garlic and cook for about five minutes or until the pieces are softened slightly. Add the chilies, cumin, oregano, cloves and cayenne pepper and cook for about one minute longer. Add chicken stock and simmer gently over low heat for about 20 minutes. Open the two cans of beans and drain off the liquid. If you have a strainer, put the beans in the strainer and run some cool water over them to completely remove the liquid they were canned in. Add the cooked and diced chicken and the beans to the chicken stock mixture and cook for another 20 minutes to blend the flavors. Season mixture with salt and pepper. Serve with grated cheese, salsa and sour cream. Makes about 8 servings.



### Foil Packet Southwestern Chicken Dinner

2 cups Minute Brown Rice, uncooked  
1 3/4 cups warm water  
4 boneless skinless chicken breasts  
1/4 cup ranch dressing  
1 1/2 teaspoons chili powder  
1/2 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese  
4 cups small broccoli florets  
1 medium red bell pepper, chopped

Preheat oven to 400 F. Combine rice and water; let stand 5 minutes while chopping vegetables. Spoon rice mixture evenly onto

center of each of four large sheets of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Top each with one chicken breast. Sprinkle with chili powder. Drizzle evenly with ranch dressing and top with cheese and vegetables. Make packets, leaving room for the heat to circulate. Place packets in a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Place one packet on each of four dinner plates. Cut slits in the foil with a sharp knife to release steam before opening.



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### Chicken Parmesan

4-6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts  
Bottled Italian dressing for marinating chicken  
2 cups bread crumbs  
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder (or more if you like)  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Shredded mozzarella cheese  
Your favorite jarred spaghetti sauce

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Marinate chicken breasts for 30 minutes in Italian dressing. Add the grated Parmesan cheese to the bread crumbs and mix in the garlic powder, salt and pepper to taste. In a 10- to 12-inch skillet, melt 2 to 3 tablespoons of butter or

margarine with 2 to 3 tablespoons of vegetable oil. The butter adds flavor. Have the butter/oil mixture over medium heat and ready for the chicken to go in. Dip each marinated chicken breast into the bread crumb mixture and then into the hot skillet. Brown the chicken breasts on both sides but do not worry about cooking them completely through; they will finish cooking in the oven. After browning, place the chicken breasts in a shallow baking dish that has been sprayed with nonstick spray, and pour any kind of jarred spaghetti sauce over the chicken. Cover with shredded mozzarella cheese and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Serve with cooked spaghetti and a tossed salad.

### ONLINE

For another recipe of oven-baked fried chicken, visit [www.kstatecollegian.com](http://www.kstatecollegian.com). The chicken breasts are

brushed with mustard and covered with an oat mixture. Check out Edge every Wednesday for more recipes and restaurant reviews.



Cooling off



Sara Soebbing, a Manhattan resident, uses a noodle toy to spray water into her daughter Sara's ear. The Soebblings used the Clarion Hotel's swimming pool to get relief from the Sunday sun.

GRANTS | K-State focused efforts to win research funding

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research grants and awards, which allow for more extensive and in-depth research opportunities. To obtain the awards, Lowe said a university-wide effort was necessary. "It is a very competitive environment that our faculty competes in," Lowe said. "Our efforts were focused on engaging the entire university in a mentality that research is important. We try to publish funding opportunities, talk with sponsors and

program officers and become more engaged." The research funding not only creates opportunities for faculty members but also for students. Lowe said research operations and functions can often provide some valuable academic field experience. "What's great about K-State is how it takes research functions and provides research experiences for graduate students and undergraduate students," Lowe said. One of the awards directly impacting students is

a grant received by Samantha Wisely, associate professor of biology, for her work in undergraduate research and mentoring in ecological genomics. Wisely and her colleagues received funding from the National Science Foundation to provide research opportunities for undergraduate students mentored by faculty members. "Speaking from personal experience, having an undergraduate assistant in my lab has been completely invaluable. They have contributed

to virtually every aspect of my research," Wisely said. "And for them, it gives them a taste of what graduate life and academic life is about." The increase in research funding comes after President Schulz announced a goal earlier this year to put K-State among the Top 50 research universities in the country by the year 2025. Although completion of the goal is still far off, enthusiasm is in no short supply for K-State's progress, and the awards are a big reason

for that. "We are excited about grants in speech, theatre or dance just like we are excited about those in biomedicine," Lowe said. "If I point out one, I've left out 100 more. They are all really exciting. And to watch the growth of the university since the 80s, it's just really exciting to see another growth spurt at K-State." K-State plans to release a detailed research report later in the semester to outline each award received, as well as a list of award sponsors.

RINGLE | Fiance: Sophomore to be missed

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accident, and he is anticipated to make his first court appearance Thursday morning at 8:30. Will's fiance Kody Krier, sophomore in computing and information science, said Will "was just amazing." "I know she was at a club, and they were coming back to a friend's house and lost control," Krier said about the accident. "I know she drank a couple before she left, but she wasn't driving. She had her seat-belt on. She did everything right." Krier moved to Manhattan with Will in December, and said the couple had been engaged for the past year. He said his fiance was known for her love of people and for helping others. "She loved animals, too," he said. "She had the biggest heart of anybody." Though Will might have attended K-State briefly, university staff also say she will be missed. "We are very saddened by the untimely loss of her very young, promising life," said Anand Desai, associated dean for undergraduate programs in the College of Business. "She was a very good student. My prayers are with the family and that they can deal with this loss."

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Making plans



**Fred Gibbs**, of BG Consultants Inc., checks a map of underground utility locations near Justin Hall while coordinating a survey with his associate, **Leroy Dupree**, and planning division employees **Mark George** (blue shirt) and **Gary Kilner** (white shirt).

Kansas offering money to restore forests

K-State Research and Extension

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Great Plains forests include actual working trees — ones that help make the region habitable for humans and other living things. Many of those working trees are now well past their prime, however, or they have gotten in the way of agriculture or urban sprawl. "Protecting, renovating or restoring such forests has become a critical need in Kansas," said State Forester Larry Biles of the Kansas Forest Service. "Shelterbelts are no longer providing the benefits they used to. Too often, the riparian trees along our streams and rivers have disappeared in the wake of some project or

river channel change." These losses are leading to troubling increases in environmental problems, Biles said. To help rural landowners renew or reinstate Kansas' working trees, the Kansas Forest Service will be one of the state agencies and other partners working with U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service in the coming year. Together, they will be offering technical, as well as financial help. Landowners in Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska have until Aug. 11 to contact their local conservation offices to apply for funds from the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative. The initiative provides

landowners financial incentives to restore windbreaks and riparian forests to effective functioning condition. It is now part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Kansas' working-tree losses relate directly to the state's current and unacceptably high soil erosion rates, said Bob Atchison, Kansas Forest Service rural forestry coordinator. They have direct ties to such problems as Kansas' lake and reservoir silt-in rates, its runoff-carried water pollution, wind erosion and flood-related soil losses. For the state's wood products industry, the shrinking tree inventories also equal an eroding base. "In the Plains, our excavated, dead and dying trees can have a lot of ripple effects, too,

Kansas trees always have been important to a range of wildlife. Nowadays, they also affect rural residents' energy costs and all Kansans' recreation options," Atchison said. "Sheltering trees can improve farm and livestock producers' bottom line. On every highway and road, they can stand as protection from our Plains winds and blowing snow." The Kansas Forest Service has a range of fact sheets, publications and videos about rural and riparian tree plantings available at [www.kansas-forests.org](http://www.kansas-forests.org). More information about current federal partnership programs is available at any local Natural Resources Conservation Service office or [www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs](http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs).

REC | Free group fitness classes start today



**Rachel Jordan**, (left), **Caitlin Pixler** (middle) and **Chelsea Link** (right), graduate students in marriage and family therapy, use the resistance ropes Tuesday night at Peters Recreation Center during Rec Fest's open house.

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Classes like "Hip Hop For All" cost \$25 for K-State students and \$35 for Rec members and "Just Dance" costs \$20 for K-State students and \$30 for Rec members, whereas group fitness classes are free

and start today. Group cycle classes are \$1 per session and the class "Pedal Hard" is \$12 for K-State students and \$15 for Rec members. For a full schedule of classes, go to the Rec website, [www.recservices.k-state.edu](http://www.recservices.k-state.edu).

SHOW | Ft. Riley soldier travels with event

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associate the Army with violence or death, and the Soldier Show is an opportunity to show that the military's foundation is cohesion, teamwork and family support." Cunningham said her biggest supporters are her family, church and sergeant. Cunningham's mother, Gabrielle Cunningham, said she was in the audience breath-taken by the show and seeing

her daughter serve her country and entertain so many people. She said her favorite part of the show was the gospel selection "They That Wait." Master Sgt. Monique King of Fort Riley said she has been in the Army for more than 20 years and enjoys seeing the show when it comes to town. "The show gets better every time," she said. The next show will be in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

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